

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments. Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-22 are rejected. Claims 1, 8, 13 and 14 are amended herein. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-22 remain pending in the case.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

Applicant asserts that amendments to Claims 1, 8, 13 and 14 are proper as they clarify issues for appeal, for which a Notice of Appeal is filed herewith.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Based on the amendments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-22 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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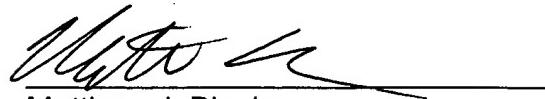
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